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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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Honorable Elliot L. Richardson
Under Secretary of the Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Elliot:

A joint State-Defense-ACDA memorandum for the President has been drafted by our respective staffs to obtain his decisions on various issues which need to be resolved prior to submission of the 1925 Geneva Protocol to the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification.

While not necessarily taking issue with the substance of the draft, Mr. Laird has advised me that, in his view, these issues should be thoroughly considered by the Under Secretaries Committee before being referred to the President.

I accordingly request that you call a meeting of the Under Secretaries Committee to review the draft memorandum and the issues it presents.

Sincerely,

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